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Commissioner for Patents MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION



TRANSMITTAL FOR A NEWLY EXECUTED ORIGINAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) for:

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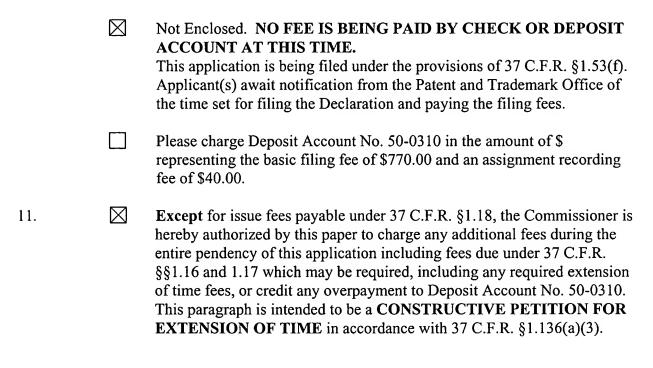
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1.	This is a new \(\subseteq Utility \) \(\subseteq Design \) \(\subseteq Plant \) patent application.				
2.	The papers enclosed to obtain a filing date are as follows:				
3.	Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney				
	Enclosed and is executed by all inventors Not Enclosed. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.				

4.	Non-Er This ap of the M Office	English Non-English This application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(d) and §608.03 of the MPEP. Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the verified English translation and the processing						
	fee.							
5.	Assignment							
	<u>LTD.</u> a	An assignment of the invention to <u>AKEBONO BRAKE INDUSTRY CO.</u> , <u>LTD.</u> and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, are enclosed. An assignment will be filed at a later date.						
6.	Priority - foreign applications under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) or PCT international applications under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) designating at least one country other than the U.S.							
	Priority of the foll	owing foreign app	olication is claimed	1:				
	Country	Applie	cation No.	Filed				
	Japan	2003	-087384	March 27, 2003				
	Japan	2003	-433369	December 26, 2003				
	Japan	2003	-433370	December 26, 2003				
7.	Certified copies: are attached. will follow. 7. Priority based on provisional application(s) - 35 U.S.C. §119(e) Priority of the following provisional application(s) is claimed:							
	Application N			Filed				
	A. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. §119(e) Attached is a Preliminary Amendment amending the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application claims priority of copending provisional application(s) No filed on ."							
8.	Small entity status	Small entity status						
	Applica Applica	ant(s) hereby asse	rt(s) small entity st	atus under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.				

9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

Number Filed	Number Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee Utility \$770.00	
		4111415	Design \$340.00	
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Fee	\$40.00			
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10. Fee Payment



12.	Additional papers enclosed:			
		Preliminary Amendment		
		Information Disclosure Statement		
		Form PTO-1449, document included		
		Declaration of Biological Deposit		
		Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or		
		amino acid sequence.		

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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